

*Prefer Death
To Capture By
The Bolsheviki*

Suicide When in Danger Of Capture.

spondence of the Associated Press.—A thread of suffering runs through the stories told by refugees from all parts of European Russia, hundreds of thousands of whom have found asylum here. Almost all of them fled from Bolshevik terrorism. They tell of murder of the members of their families, deprivation of property, savage treatment, hunger and terrible hardship of their flight from Bolshevik bandits.

The correspondent of the Associated Press talked with a number of these refugees in order to learn their adventures. Several cases came to light in which girls unable to escape before the approaching Bolsheviks shot themselves rather than fall into the hands of the terrorists. The wife of a Russian colonel now at Omsk said to the correspondent:-

"We lived a life of comfort and contentment on our land not far from Samara. Warned by our peasants we fled across the hills hidden in a forest. My cousin, a girl of 18, who thought she could not escape, took

This preference for death rather than capture by Bolsheviks seems to be prevalent among the young women of the Caucasus. The majority of the 30 of European Russia who are now in Gensh. The wife of an assistant minister of state and her husband, a kind of "Gensh" man, were remarkably "Gensh" said with quiet Russian fatalism: "If the Bolsheviks succeed in getting to Gensh, I shall shoot myself."

One of the most telling of the female tales which existed in the district of the Irai mountains. When a relief train arrived at the village of Irai, the women were surrounded by children begging for bread. A man 12 years was so overcome when he removed a

The refugees tell of several cases in which peasants murdered the proprietors of the land upon which they lived in order to obtain possession of the farms. On the other hand some of the peasants imperilled their own lives to help the land holders to escape.

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